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**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1903**

**GENEALOGY.**

We see that a national society is about to be formed to study genealogy and to keep and preserve a genealogical record so that one may know from whence he sprang. That is all well in its way. God made one star to differ from another in glory, and social caste and social distinctions have been appreciated and recognized since the stars sang in their courses. To know that one is well born is well; to know that one's ancestry was high and noble is also not to be despised. The burden of the well and high born is great, to so live that the name shall not be disgraced. Above all and beyond all, when the truth is told, is to be good and better than a man is, is honorable. When the father much better than what he was. To do one's duty, to live in the sight of God and man so that the good opinion and respect of men and the approval of God shall be won is better than high and noble birth. To be a good, law-abiding citizen, to be something and to do something in the world is of much more importance than a long and illustrious genealogical table to stand on. We do not mean to undervalue or deny the blood of the best, but we do mean to say that aristocratic lineage should not alone be relied on or reckoned with in order that anyone should have or keep or gain social distinction. That, we repeat, is all well and much to be desired and advised. At the same time we say that what a man is, how he behaves and how he conducts himself, what he says and does, how he talks and acts, thus far as he fulfills his destiny as a citizen, and a man is much more valuable. The world respects and values a man for what he does and is, and not for what his grandfather was.

John Wise met with another Waterloo in his attempt at Constitution upsetting, this time before the Supreme Court of the United States in the Giles Jackson case from Alabama. Giles claimed that he and thousands of others of his race had been disfranchised in Alabama under the new State Constitution, on account of their color, and he appealed to the United States District Court. He lost his case before that tribunal and an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. That Court made public its decision on Monday, in which it dismisses the case, having no jurisdiction, and yet it was thought proper by the Justices that the court should not confine itself to the question of jurisdiction, but should also consider the merits of the case and the decision reached upon the merits of the petition was that the relief asked for could not be granted. This case is similar to the Virginia case that has been pending for some time, and which must assuredly meet with a similar fate.

Upon investigation it has been declared that in all the countries of Europe, and also in the United States, that suicides have rapidly increased in the last quarter of a century. In the investigation the fact of the increase seems to have been there the object than the cause or remedy. The cause would be an interesting study for some one who has the time and inclination to make it, and we doubt not that it would be found that the dime novel, the cigarette, and adulterated food and drink would play an important part.

Major Robert Stiles, of Richmond, has written a book on "Four Years Under Marco Robert," which is now in press. It is his war experiences in France, and as he has a knowledge of the store of both, with much ability of Russian, relate them, the public may expect very Rev. A. The volume a great treat.

A celebration was the dispatch that kindly a decoration, the order of knotty grammatical, the gifts of Czar Nicholas, to be dealing to Father Tom. The lady and informs us Alaska, once measles is or are no respect of persons. It might be said also that mumps is or are—the same.

Sing Sing prison appears to be no respecter of persons, be they rich or poor. It has just opened its doors to Al Adams, the "policy king," of New York, who is reputed to be worth several millions of dollars.

**POPE RIVER BOAT.**

All short is now in fact to further increase the steamboat service both on the Potomac and the lower Rappahannock. It is proposed that these new steamers, if the necessary funds shall be raised to purchase them, shall be principally owned and controlled by shippers and others on the respective rivers. The new line on the Potomac is to run from Washington to Pope's Creek, taking in the navigable tributaries of the Potomac, establishing southern connections at or near Widewater and northern connections at Pope's Creek. The capital stock is to be one hundred thousand dollars.

Another company proposes to run steamers on the Potomac, starting from Kilmessy, making connection with the Point Lookout railroad at Point Lookout and landings below Crisfield, Maryland, making the round trip in one day. This line will also connect at Crisfield with the N. Y. P. & N. railroad, for northern and eastern markets and with a Rappahannock steamer, which the same company intends to run from Crisfield to Urbana, connecting at that point with the Rappahannock steamers for Fredericksburg. It is claimed that by this new line travel and freight will be shortened in time twenty-four hours and freight charges will be reduced at least twenty per cent. If these new lines shall accomplish what is claimed for them they will be a great blessing to that garden spot of Virginia that has struggled so long and so hard for increased transportation facilities with the great markets of the country for their varied products of inland water, which might be increased almost tenfold with cheap and adequate transportation.

Another blessing that will come from the establishment of this new line will be connecting the eastern and western shores, for both freight and travel, which have heretofore been separated by the Chesapeake bay and have had no commercial relations whatever. This they will be drawn together and a community of interests will spring up between the people of the two shores that has never heretofore existed.

We trust that all the lines, the old and those contemplated, if inaugurated, may find the service remunerative and that the people may realize their most sanguine expectations from them.

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

We notice that Memorial Day services are being provided for in many places, but we fail so far to hear that anything is being done in that direction here. Have our most excellent and patriotic Daughters of the Confederacy forgotten that it is the time of year when our people all over the South pay their annual tribute in flowers to the men who fought and fell for our dear Southland and are sleeping in our City of the Silent? Has the Ladies' Memorial Association become weary of the beautiful custom? Have the veterans forgotten their brave comrades who sleep their last sleep? And how that splendid organization, the Sons of Veterans, abandoned the high and holy service of paying honor to the brave soldiers of the Southland? We hope none of these things are true. Then, if not true, is it not time to have some organized effort looking to preserving and perpetuating the hallowed and sacred custom of decorating the graves of our fallen brave boys with flowers? Here where was held high carnival, here in the midst of battlefields baptized with the blood of martyrs and heroes, here where the sacred scenes of decorating the graves of the dead soldiers first originated, here we should never let this custom fall into disuse. So we call upon the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Ladies' Memorial Association, Maury Camp C. V. and R. S. Chew Camp of Sons to organize, prepare at once for the proper observance of Memorial Day. Delay no longer, but go to work now.

Today one hundred guns will be fired in St. Louis to announce the centennial of the Louisiana purchase. It is claimed that it was sold to us by Napoleon for a song, but it was considered then an outrageous price, and Massachusetts threatened to secede from the Union if the purchase was consummated, but she didn't and now we jolly over the purchase as one of the grandest events in our history.

The original copy of the Declaration of Independence is to be placed where fire and light cannot reach it and away from public gaze. This is made necessary because of its fading condition brought about by exposure to light. The public may not object to the old document being laid away, so long as its principles remain as a legacy to the people.

The House of Delegates of the Illinois Legislature has by a vote of seventy-two to sixty, declared that they have "no confidence in the Speaker." Following the example of Cabinets and Councils upon such votes, the Speaker should resign, but up to this time he has not intimated any such intention.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been outlawed by the Board of Education of New York City and taken off the list of readable books, upon the ground that it had served its purpose. That may have been an easy way of getting rid of it, but it should have been outlawed before it did so much mischief on the ground that it was a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end and a libel upon the South and the institution of slavery as it existed in the South.

The Mormon missionaries who invaded Germany have not been well received, and efforts are being made to rid the country of them. They do not touch the religion that Germany wants.

Morgan and Carnegie are off for a summer trip guarded by private detectives. They must fear the ghosts of those departed, whom they have oppressed in amassing their millions.

**ORANGE.**

**Notes, Personals, Etc.**

Burr Hill, Va., April 28, 1903.

Rev. Chas. E. Sanders preached at four church last Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cook, of Gordonsville. His sermon was very impressive, and enjoyed by all present.

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